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SUBJECT: EMBARGO ON MILITARY SALES TO CHILE

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD BY LOCAL OFFICE OF U.S. FIRM IRECO CHEMICALS, SALT LAKE CITY, THAT ITS SUPPLIES OF ALUMINUM FROM THE U.S. HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE BAN OF ARMS SALES TO CHILE. IRECO CHILE'S ALUMINUM SUPPLIER IN THE U.S. IS ALCOA. IRECO USES ALUMINUM IN THE MANUFACTURE OF EXPLOSIVES FOR THE MINING INDUSTRY.

2. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF IRECO CHILE HAS EXAMINED P.L. 94-329 AND IS UNABLE TO SEE HOW RAW MATERIALS NEEDED TO PRODUCE MINING EXPLOSIVES FALL UNDER PROHIBITED MILITARY ITEMS. HE POINTS OUT THAT LOCAL REGULATIONS REGARDING END-USE OF EXPLOSIVES ARE EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE. HE CONSIDERS THE PROHIBITION OF ALUMINUM TO BE ARBITRARY AND PREJUDICIAL; CANNOT CONCEIVE THAT IT WAS WITHIN INTENT OF LAW.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATION OF THIS CASE AND TIMELY RESPONSE. APPRECIABLE QUANTITY OF U.S. EXPORTS STANDS TO BE PREJUDICED IF PROHIBITION IS EFFECTIVE.
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